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Auburn finds Success at Fall Classic

by Carson Fletcher



2017 Men's Varsity Soccer

The men's soccer and women's volleyball team represented Auburn Adventist Academy at the Walla Walla Fall Classic tournament. The women's volleyball team fought their way into the championship bracket, a height they haven't reached in recent years. The team showed extreme growth in the tournament and their chemistry on the court continuously improved.

After dominating pool play on Thursday to reach the championship bracket, Auburn was set to face Parkview on Friday. This was a close game, however Parkview ended up taking the win. Auburn was eager to get back on the court following this loss, and it showed as they dominated Mt. Ellis Academy in their next game. This led the team into a tough match against Paradise Academy for ninth place. Auburn did not finish with the result they wanted, however all of the

girls tried their best and left it all on the court. Senior libero, Kaycee Clough, had this to say about the tournament: "Fall Classic was a huge stepping stone for our team. We fought our way into the championship bracket. The tournament opened our eyes to skills we need to work on both on and off the court. Overall Fall Classic was a great experience." Mrs. Lina Aiolutepa, head coach of the team, had this to add about the tournament: "Being that this was our first Fall Classic experience as coaches, we felt that the girls did exceptionally well. Their growth and development in the sport was evident in each game. Their volleyball IQ, teamwork, chemistry, communication, adaptability, etc., were noticeable and very inspiring to see and experience."

The men's soccer team also showed a ton of (continued on page 2)

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Wednesday Wisdom

"You have to be willing to be bad at something before you can be good at it."

- Arien Cabanilla

Remember the Falcons

by Andrew Armstrong

Football is America's most popular sport (according to a Harris Poll study conducted in 2015), however Auburn hasn't had a flag football team since the late 1990's when Mr. Fackenthall was last here. He is interested in the possibility of forming a flag football team again, despite some believing that Auburn shouldn't expand its sports program. Auburn Academy should create a team in spite of the opposition. The positives in my opinion outweigh the negatives. Intramural flag football is quite popular at AAA. There has been a team at AAA in the past. Several staff members are willing to support and lead the team.

Auburn had a very popular flag football sports program in the 90's with Mr. Fackenthall as its coach. The team would play (continued on page 2)

(Remember the Falcons, continued from page 1) other teams in a league as well as traveling to Walla Walla to play in Fall Classic. This team died out when Mr. Fackenthall left and Fall Classic replaced football with soccer, but there is no reason football shouldn't be resuscitated.

Mr. Fackenthall, who is very experienced and willing to lead it going forward, heads the staff's support. He has already been in contact with other academies about playing Auburn, and has even discussed holding a tournament with local teams at Auburn and traveling to Rio Lindo for their tournament. With Mr. Fackenthall's support the staff will be behind it and AdCo should approve it.

Intramural football is very popular at Auburn, with thirty people signing up to play this year. These thirty people are more than the amount that signed up to play girl's soccer or cross country, and are five times as many that are needed at a time for flag football.

There is clear interest from the students and sufficient support from the staff, and there are no strong arguments against a team. Sports is a good way for many students to become involved and is good for

school spirit and school pride. Auburn should continue to expand the athletic program with a flag football team as soon as possible.



Caleb Bruce intercepts a pass in the Intramural Championship game

(Fall Classic, continued from page 1) improvement from league play during the tournament. Their first game was against the Midland Mustangs and they played a poor first half, entering the second half down 3-1. The Falcons came back with two unanswered goals, tying it at 3-3 and taking the game to penalties. Despite this late surge, the Falcons lost the shootout by a score of 2-1. Following this loss, the Falcons faced Fraser Valley Academy

early Friday afternoon. The Falcons had a strong first half, entering the second half with a 2-0 lead, but they then gave up 4 goals and lost 4-2. This put the Falcons in the seventh place match against Livingston on Saturday night. The Falcons held a 2-1 lead until the final minute when Livingston scored a thrilling equalizer. This led the teams to their third penalty shootout in the past three years. Livingston, who had won the past two shootouts, was in place to win with a goal. Senior goalkeeper Derek Slavens came up with a spectacular save, giving the Falcons a chance to win. Freshman midfielder Alan Jacob rose to the occasion and hit the game winning penalty to give the Falcons a well-deserved win over Livingston and a seventh-place finish in the tournament. Assistant coach Jesse Churchill said, "The entire team focused on playing together. Instead of playing separately, the team began to pass more and our goals began to come through incredible teamwork." Fall classic was a very successful experience for both teams.

Auburn's New Lego Loving Professor

by Bradley Hammond

Demetrio Villar, a new teacher at Auburn Adventist Academy, has replaced the beloved Bill Ludwig as the teacher of Pre Algebra, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Calculus. Mr. Villar came to Auburn Adventist Academy from Pleasant Hill Academy, which is located in the Bay Area. He chose to come to Auburn so he could grow and gain new experiences after having spent 14 years at Pleasant Hill, a job he started right out of college.

Mr. Villar's favorite class is Algebra 2, and when asked why he said, "Algebra 2 is challenging and has the right amount of toughness in it." When asked about Mr. Villar, Willy An, a senior calculus student, said, "I am sure that he is a funny teacher and I like

the way how he teaches math. I have struggles with Calculus but Mr. Villar is always there to support [me]." Mr. Villar's favorite hobby is building with Legos, and his last magnificent creation was a giant Disney Castle. Mr. Villar is already well liked by many people at Auburn and has been a great addition to the staff.

- **Favorite Food:** Thai Food
- **Favorite Color:** Blue
- **Favorite Season:** Fall
- **Favorite Type of Weather:** Rain
- **Favorite Candy:** Peach Rings or Ferreros
- **Favorite Hobby:** Building with Legos



One of the many lego sets Mr. Villar has completed over the years

Student Review of Administration

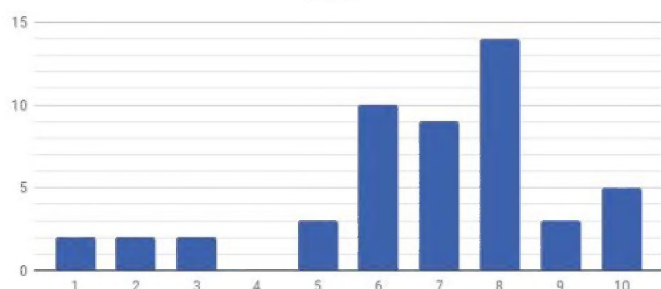
by Amber Pettey-Torres

Auburn Adventist Academy has had quite a few changes in administration these last few years, which has thrown the school into a couple of unplanned loops. With the new principal and administration this year, Ranier Echoes conducted a survey that

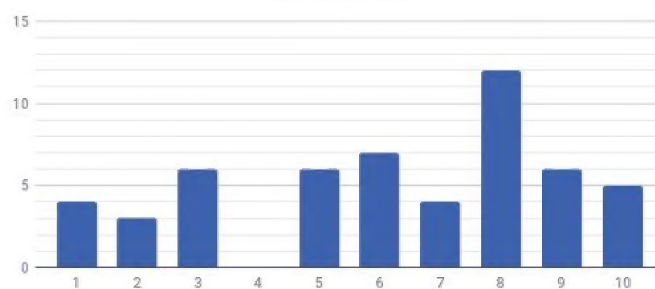
asked fifty students about how they felt that administration is doing this year. The survey was anonymous, which let students give honest answers without fear of repercussions for how they responded. The students answered each question on a scale of one to ten,

with one being not at all or terrible, and ten being completely or fantastic. The findings are below. For example, there were 14 students out of the 50 who rated administration's job of meeting their needs as an 8.

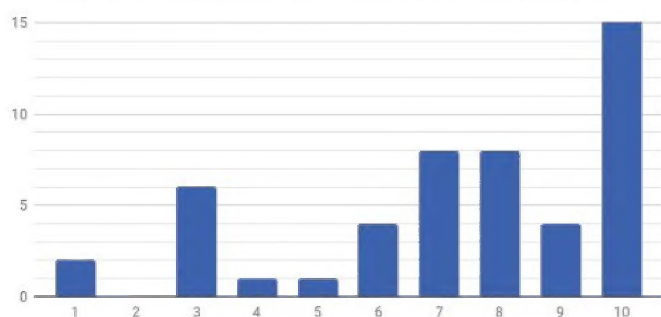
How do you feel administration is meeting your needs this year?



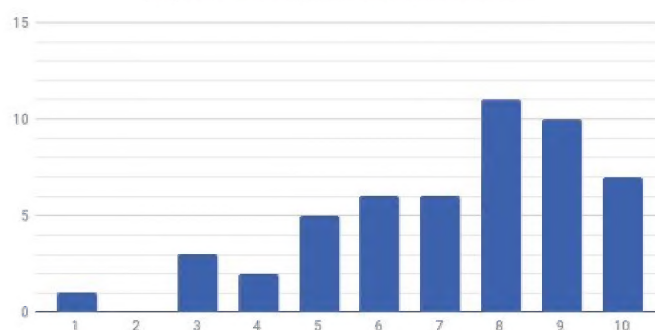
Do you think that the administration listens and hears the student body?



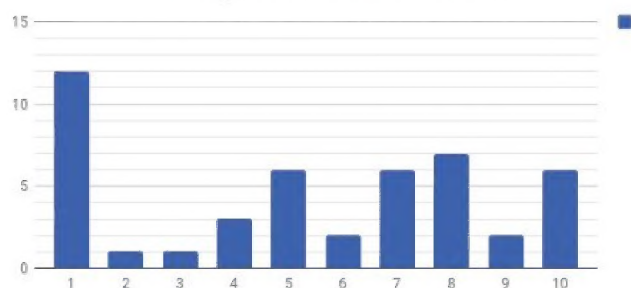
Do you see changes at the school with a new principal?



Do you like this year's administration?



Have you wanted to see something change in the school, and actually taken it to administration?



(Note: The information gathered for this article was acquired and assessed before the new phone policy announcement)

Benefits of a Global Classroom

by Maria Hall

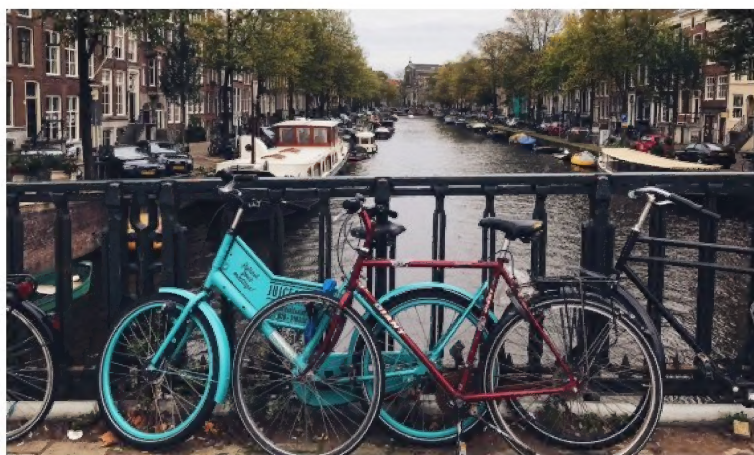
At one point or another, everyone has dreamed of traveling somewhere. Sometimes the destination isn't very far, just an hour or two away, and other times it is on the opposite side of the world. I recently had the opportunity to spend two weeks in Europe, and it was a great learning opportunity from an educational and personal perspective.

No matter how long you've been in school there are certain things that just can't be learned in a classroom setting. Things like local legends, origins of words, and unique details about paintings, statues, buildings, and cities. All these are things that you would never know unless you go there and experience them in person.

Being immersed in a new country shows you how people actually live and work in different cultures. While teach-

ers cover these topics to an extent, it can never be as immersive as experiencing it in person. It is easier to learn and absorb information, especially about history, when you can see where all of these events took place. Although traveling can be difficult, the benefits far outweigh the negatives in terms of learning.

When traveling, you can also learn a lot about yourself and whomever you travel with. You'll learn how to handle new situations and get past language barriers. Traveling isn't always peaceful either, so you'll learn how to cope under pressure and in stressful far away situations. While you are not guaranteed to learn any of these things when you travel, you will always learn something.



Amsterdam, Netherlands



Venice, Italy

Guest Writers Wanted!



Rainier Echoes is a student-led newspaper, so anyone interested in writing can submit an article, announcement, story, or activity to the newspaper. Simply drop off a copy of your submission to Mrs. Kobberstad for review, and you can add your touch to the newspaper.

Heroes at Auburn

by Sienna Hubin

On a crisp October evening, many heroes gathered together in the Academy gym for ASB's annual costume party. Students interpreted the hero theme in many different ways. Some came dressed up as superheroes, like Lucas Vanderhoof as Deadpool, some came as their personal heroes such as Lauren Richert as Mr. Ludwig. Others came as their favorite on-screen heroes, like Trudy Nguyen as Baymax. At the costume party, there were snacks and many activities for students to participate in, like an obstacle course, a "jousting" tournament, and other hero themed games. "I really enjoyed the football throwing game," said freshman Landen Hubin. Throughout the party, ASB played different hero theme songs and whoever guessed the song first by running to the spot marked with the movie (continued on page 5)

(*Heroes*, continued from page 4)
logo on the floor won prizes.

ASB president, McKenna Butler, commented, "We put a lot of preparation into costume party. The whole team is happy about how everything came together and that it was fun for everybody." Near the end of the party, judges Rhett (Dean Wirtz), Link (Dean McConnachie), Ariel (Dean Michel), and Scuttle (Dean Rachel) chose winners for the different costume competition categories. Katriona Wallenfelsz

as Audrey Hepburn won most creative, Heidi Kissinger, Rachel Singer, and Sydnee Young as characters from Attack on Titans won best group, Amber Pettey-Torres as Dean Tiffany won best impression, and Abigail Tejel as a Starbucks barista won best costume. Andrew Armstrong won the "jousting" tournament and Caleb Bruce had the fastest time for the obstacle course. During costume party, everyone voted for two people to be crowned "mom" and "dad", because mom and dad are

normally a person's biggest heroes. To end the night, Aeryn Singer, as The Evil Queen, won "mom" and Shannon Miller as Luigi won "dad."



Mario (Abe) and Luigi (Shannon) in Jail

Phil on Isle 3

story by Arien Cabanilla



Chapter 1

WHOOSH! Phil woke to the taste of sand and saltwater as a wave crashed over him. As he sputtered back to consciousness, he tried to remember what had happened. The storm. The plane crash. Swimming away from the wreckage.

Where did he end up anyway? Phil looked around and found himself on some sort of island. A good-sized one too, judging by the dense forest and hills further inland. He looked back toward the ocean and saw two other islands in the distance. Phil's observations were cut short as a sudden deluge of rain started and he rushed into the forest. Despite his unfortunate situation, perhaps he could have fun exploring the island.

Exploring the island wasn't fun. Scratched, drenched, and covered in bug bites, Phil finally made camp in an alcove. He tried in desperation to make

a fire, despite everything being soaked, and never having made a fire before.

Phil didn't go out much.

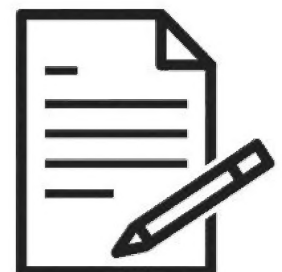
"You have to be willing to be bad at something before you can be good at it!" The mantra of Phil's store manager rang in his head as though she was there herself. Jessica was hard-nosed and overbearing, but she gave good advice. Phil continued to work on the fire with renewed energy, refusing to give up. Despite his renewed efforts, the dripping wood would not light.

Phil resigned to leaning on a nearby tree. As he settled in and started to doze off, he heard a loud rustling sound. This immediately woke him and set him into a nervous fervour.

Phil weighed his options:

- 1) He could go check out the noise himself.
- 2) He could throw a rock in the general direction of the noise.
- 3) He could ignore the noise and go sleep.

To contribute in what happens next, write down what option should be taken on a piece of paper ("Option 1", "Option 2", or "Option 3") and drop it off at Mrs. Kobbers-tad's room. Your deadline is Friday, Nov 3.



Committee of 100

by Mickey Demma

Over \$125,000 was donated to Auburn Adventist Academy's non-budgeted projects on Sunday morning, October 15th, thanks to the Committee of 100 and the meeting's organizers Jay Coon, Gina Hubin, and Lori Kissinger. In total, 116 benefactors attended the "business brunch" in Rudolph Hall.

The Committee of 100 began in 1993 for the purpose of funding special projects. Each member pledges a minimum of \$500 per year and holds the right to vote on collective fund distribution. The number of members this year reached an all-time high for the Committee's close to 25 years of existence. "There's a lot of support for Auburn [Academy] here," said Coon, as the cafeteria filled with guests. There were only eight members last year, but due to this year's turnout, organizers are hoping to use the gymnasium for next year's meeting. Auburn Academy Principal, Peter Fackenthall opened the event by introducing Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, who gave a brief address. Original visionaries Bob and Carol Paulsen received an honorary plaque commemorating their dedication to the Committee and to Auburn Academy. Principal Fackenthall publicly acknowledged a few people that he said have been his "supportive nucleus," including longtime mentor Ila

Zbaraschuk, AAA's VP of Finance Derek Brizendine, AAA's Registrar, Trina Sandvik, and VP of Growth & Development, Jay Coon.

The attendees then enjoyed music provided by the Academy's Bell Choir and Sylvan Chorale. After they finished, President, Doug Bing of the Washington Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists prayed for the meal prepared by Head Chef Zuzana Rachal and her team. Brunch was served consisting of breakfast enchiladas, sautéed potatoes, poached eggs, pastries, and various fresh fruits while AAA's teachers refilled glasses with either orange juice or apple cider.

The Committee's Chairman, Jeff Keating, began the business meeting, stating, "It's time to start spending some money." Keating proceeded to announce all items in a catalog of teacher-requested items that had already been funded as numerous individuals eagerly offered to fund even more of the items.

Following a few miscellaneous presentations by some of AAA's staff, Mr. Keating went through the catalog naming items that required more funding as members formally voted on how they wished to delegate the collective pool of funds. Discussions among the benefactors created convincing



Vice President of Growth and Development Jay Coon addressing the crowd

cases for specific departments they felt needed the most support. Several major projects were supported making teachers and staff feel like Christmas came early. Dawn Heilbrun, one of the event's most prominent voices, exclaimed, "Go big or go home!"

As the amount in the pool dwindled, decisions on how to use the remaining dollars became difficult. At this point, Bob Paulsen addressed the fact that being passionate about certain projects isn't bad, and that all attendees should be grateful for the ability to help fund any projects. The meeting ended with an unopposed vote to delegate the remaining funds to the music department. "I appreciate the spirit of accommodation," said Jeff Keating in closing.

Blood Saves Lives

by Madlyn Ellis

On September 28, 2017, Auburn Adventist Academy held the first of two blood drives this year. Of the 66 people who donated, 21 were first-time donors. It was an incredible event that our community has the privilege to be involved in. When asked why she chose to give blood, junior class president Chelsea Rachal replied, "We have had some family members that needed blood. I wanted to do my part and give back." In the last four years that our school has had blood drives, approximately 400 people have given blood. Since one person donating a pint of blood saves three lives, that is about 1,200 lives saved.

Donating blood can save lives in

our own community. People right here at Auburn Adventist Academy have needed blood donations, and Ms. Clemens is one of them. She first received two units of blood in April of 1998. At the time, she was pregnant with her second son Cameron, who graduated from Auburn in 2016. She stated that it was the scariest of all the times for her. Not too long passed before she needed more blood. Shortly after giving birth, Ms. Clemens needed to have surgery to remove her colon. She recalls having received at least 3 units of blood during the procedure. Due to complications from the surgery, Ms. Clemens received 10 more units of blood 6 weeks later. At this point almost all of her

blood had been replaced. "I wouldn't be here without donors," says Ms. Clemens. This goes to show how one small act can affect someone's entire life.



Students, Staff and the community members take time to donate blood to save lives

New Year, New Leaders

by Sophia Lorge



Senior Class officers enjoy their first day as elected leaders at Fort Flagler

Auburn Adventist Academy is ready to take on the school year with the aid of the newly elected student leaders. Class and dorm officers were selected to lead Auburn to success within the first three weeks of school. As class officers, students take on the task of "representing the class, organizing activities, and fundraising for events," according to Lindsey Reed, junior class vice president. Dorm officers are in charge of, "creating and executing activities that involve the dorm such as Dorm Retreat and the annual all-school banquet," according to Arien Cabanilla, Casa Loma village representative. All the officers are working together to make Auburn a better and more accepting place for the students.

Class Officers:

Class of 2021

President: Natalie Holmes
Social VP: Abe Ellis
Spiritual VP: Chance Robinson
Sergeant at Arms: Adam Ziegele
Graphic Design: Hannah Kissinger
Computer Specialist: Lucas Vanderhoof
SFC Rep: Samuel Hoffman

Class of 2020

President: Faith Whittington
Social VP: Adriana Barahona
Spiritual VP: Kelsey Beaulieu
Treasurer: Josie McKey
Secretary: Jelina Urgel
Music Coordinator: Grace Cho
Sergeant at arms: Jimmy Hong
Sports Coordinator: Julia Armstrong

Class of 2019

President: Chelsea Rachal
Social VP: Lindsey Reed
Spiritual VP: Gloria Oh

Secretary: Jocelyn Flores
Photographer: Victoria Fedak
Sergeant at arms: Kaayla Butler
Music Coordinator: Rachel Singer
Sports Coordinator: Christian Klingstrand
SFC Rep: Abigail Tejel

Class of 2018

President: Joann Lee
Social VP: Andrew Armstrong
Spiritual VP: Elianna Strachan
Secretary: Makensie Fowler
Photographer: Kontessa Kletke
Music Coordinator: Sooji Kim
Sergeant at Arms: Maria Hall
Sports Coordinator: Sienna Hubin
Computer specialist: Jed Coon
Graphic artist: Jordan Hauge
Fundraising Coordinator: Morgan Bruder
SFC Rep: Sarahi Villegas

Zeta Kappa Officers

President: Sophia Lorge
Social VP: Unique Burton
Spiritual VP: Brianna Pharo
Treasurer: Gabby Jung
Photographer: Victoria Fedak
Secretary: Ivy Lu
Village Representative: Rachel Singer
Cultural Diversity Representative: Trudy Nguyen

Casa Loma Officers

President: Shannon Miller
Social Vice: Caleb Bryan
Spiritual Vice: Anders Geronimo
Photographer: Matthew Gorton
Village Representative: Arien Cabanilla

Cultivating Culture

by Derek Slavens

Over the first couple months of school, there have been many campus ministries events for the students and staff to watch, listen, and be involved with. The new Campus Ministries team has held up very well this year and has shown that they are fully devoted to our school and our personal relationships with God. As Auburn is a boarding school with students from many diverse backgrounds and countries, the Campus Ministries team took action to recognize the diversity of our school. On Wednesday, September 27, a diversity-celebrating chapel was held for Hispanic culture. When asked why this chapel was planned, spiritual vice-president Magnifique explained, "I planned the chapel because I wanted our Hispanic students to know that we appreciate their culture and I wanted us as a school body to get the chance to hear what they had to say."

This chapel genuinely expressed to many students the importance of getting to know other people's backgrounds and their culture. Magnifique then added how she plans to continue this series for chapel, "I plan on trying to celebrate as many different cultures as we can this year. Every culture is meant to be celebrated no matter where you come from. It's important! What I've learned is that you don't really get to know a person until you really get to know their culture and their background. God took the time to celebrate all the different cultures, so why can't we as Auburn's school body celebrate those different cultures as well?"



Students interact with the speaker for chapel, celebrating the Korean culture

(Cultivating Culture, continued from page 6)

It seems this chapel marked the beginning of a new path for Auburn, a path to being open about the culture of our classmates and friends. This is a big stepping stone for our school to come together and be united as a student body.

Ginger

Approximately 2% of the world's population have red hair. While playing intramural football, two of these people started a conversation about how many people with red hair are at Auburn this year. Sophia Garvey and Mr. Brizendine suggested the idea of having a club for these people, and decided to propose it to AdCo. Sophia Garvey's statement says that the club will discuss, "The DNA of a ginger, how we got the hair, that we're not all Irish, and most importantly, our high pain tolerance." The mood of her writing was humorous, however their proposal passed. You don't have to be a red-head to join, but as the name suggests, the main topics are the genes and struggles associated with red hair. Feel free to join by contacting Mr. Brizendine, Mrs. Sandvik, or Sophia Garvey.



Sophia Garvey and Lindsey Reed represent the Ginger Club

Auburn's Collection of Clubs

by McKenna Butler

Anonymous Acts of Random Kindness

Red envelopes were addressed to each student at Auburn and posted on October 2. They were posted on lockers for those who have one and on the wall for those who don't. While it isn't known who exactly is behind the Anonymous Acts of Random Kindness, we know there are quite a few people involved. Everyone who was asked denied being a part of the club, but some general information was un-

covered from Mrs. Kobberstad and Mr. Fackenthall. AARK has been approved by AdCo, but even they only know of one sponsor and one student. On behalf of AARK, Fackenthall commented, "The goal is to put kind, generous, and uplifting things out there." Many people are excited about the student-lead organization, and its anonymous status, such as Mrs. Kobberstad, who said, "If you do it and want your name attached to it, you're doing it for yourself rather than for the act that you're doing."

Humane Society

Gloria Oh's passion has led to the founding of what looks to be a new popular club. With Gloria as the president, and Mr. Cook as the sponsor, the club has been a huge hit. So far, they've gone to the Auburn Valley Humane Society and have begun training to walk dogs, cleaning, doing paperwork, and any other other job they can. Unfortunately, the club is not currently open to any new members, as it is already too full.



Gloria Oh took initiative to get involved in the Auburn chommunity

Cultural Diversity

Formerly known as the "International Club," this club's name was changed to include all students. This club has five officers, with John Zhang as president, Rosie Aten as vice president, Marion Siahaan as secretary, with Sara Oksanen and Ting Xu as photog-

raphers. This club plans to celebrate a new culture each month, starting with Korean for October and continuing to with Pacific Island culture and Chinese culture. Rosie shared that the club could use more members, and that if anyone is interested they should contact any of the officers or Mr. Hoori, their sponsor.

Want to Join a Club?

Cultural Diversity Club is perfect to learn about cultures and ethnicities while going on field trips and enjoying fun activities such as sight seeing and eating.

